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British Troops Lift Blockade At Port Suez

Cairo, Dec. 10.

British troops lifted the road blockade around the troubled town of Suez today as the Egyptian Cabinet prepared to meet on Tuesday to consider breaking off diplomatic relations with Britain.

The Acting Foreign Minister, Ibrahim Furq, confirmed that the Cabinet had such a step under consideration.

United Press correspondent Peter Webb reported from British headquarters in Fayou that all restrictions on traffic in and out of Suez were lifted at noon. They were imposed days ago after bloody gun battle between British troops and Egyptian security police. They cut off heavy oil supplies coming from Suez refineries.

Another United Press correspondent Zaki Salama, reported from Suez itself that tough British paratroopers in red berets were completing the work on a road from the Suez garrison to a vital, nearby water filtration plant which purifies all its water.

READY TO STRIKE

All was quiet after the expected clash between Egyptian police and British forces building the road was headed off two days ago, but the chief of the British paratroopers in Suez told Salama that he was only waiting until the massed British forces were withdrawn.

"Our plan is to lay off action until massed paratroopers are withdrawn following the completion of the new road," the chief is quoted as saying.

Salama reported that dynamite demolitions of houses and huts in the small village of Kafrabana to make way for the road were not attempted but bulldozers were continuing to level out the ground for hundreds of yards on both sides of the road. The whole operation will be completed this evening.

Salama reported that the next few days should determine whether the new road would have increased protection to the vital water plant or be a source of new trouble.

He said that a soft sand flatland, impassable to motor vehicles, stretches along the side of the road for some distance and liberation battalions

Refugees On Raft

Stockholm, Dec. 10.

Two East German seamen, aged 18 and 19, who waded ashore from a raft, asked the police in Helsingborg, South Sweden, today for asylum as political refugees.

They put off from their ship last night on a raft in the middle of the Sound. — Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

European Army Plan

THE recent and current meetings of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation have not, from appearances, achieved any outstanding progress. Far too many matters concerning defence were left undecided at the Rome conferences in the hope that decisions would be forthcoming before the next meeting to be held in Lisbon next February. It is evident, too, that Mr Churchill has decided to hold over decisions in these matters until his discussions with President Truman in Washington during the New Year. The Prime Minister clearly places high hopes on the fruitful outcome of these forthcoming conversations. Delay in the preparation of a scheme for the creation of a European Army is causing General Eisenhower concern to a point where he is inclined to display impatience. Yet the British Government cannot be held responsible for the hiatus. For a variety of reasons the representatives of the six Powers, which have been meeting under French chairmanship, have been unable to make tangible progress. The European Army plan is, in fact, in some danger of collapse, due to political developments, notably in France. It is far from certain that the French Assembly will ratify the plan when it is ready, and it is altogether possible that, even before ratification is requested, M.

Higher Education In Hongkong

THE committee appointed to inquire into the needs of and demand for higher education in Hongkong has been given an important task, and one which it can only fulfil effectively with the willing co-operation of employers and future employees. Rather heavy emphasis has been placed on professional studies, although it has been pointed out that advanced education could be applied to music and art. Nevertheless, we imagine considerable scope could be found for extended vocational training, and certainly it is a branch of higher education to which

Plevens' Government may be defeated on the issue in the important debates being held this week. M. Plevens plainly was shocked when it was revealed at Strasbourg last week that Britain could not give unqualified support to his plan, and he indicated how he felt his political position had been undermined by declaring that without British participation in the European Army plan, the French Parliament would turn down its own Government's scheme. France, naturally enough, is somewhat bewildered by what appears to be a volte face on the part of Mr Churchill. It was he who, in Strasbourg 18 months ago, first moved a resolution demanding the immediate creation of a European Army under proper democratic authority—a proposition which fired the imagination of M. Reynaud and M. Plevens. The outcome was the revolutionary Plevens Plan. This scheme calls for commitments which Mr Churchill, now he is Prime Minister, feels are too embracing for Britain to accept without qualification. Nonetheless, it is vitally necessary that the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation should make more positive efforts to speed up and tighten up Western Europe defences. A modification of the Plevens scheme may be feasible and acceptable, but whatever is decided on, quick action is demanded.

Higher Education In Hongkong

the committee should direct some attention. Many present-day vocations demand theoretical training beyond that to be obtained from secondary schooling, and the person who can enter a vocation equipped with proper basic knowledge is likely to make more rapid progress in mastering the practical side of his work. The committee, undoubtedly, will be prepared to explore all aspects of higher education; of their relative needs and their relative demands. A valuable and informative report is assured, with its implementation the responsibility of Government.

The Bus That Killed 24 Marine Cadets



Twenty-three Marine Cadets were killed outright in Chatham last week when a double-decker bus ploughed into 52 cadets marching to the Naval Barracks to see a boxing match. Today an agency report from London says that the 24th lad has died in hospital from his injuries. Picture shows the bus that caused the tragedy pulled to the side of the road after the accident. — London Express picture.

Big French Budget

Paris, Dec. 10.

The French Cabinet today reached an agreement on the 1952 Budget, which calls for 160,000,000,000 francs (US\$457,000,000) in fresh taxes and the floating of 400,000,000,000 francs (US\$1,104,000,000) in loans.

Military expenditure will come up to 950,000,000,000 francs (US\$2,714,000,000) in the new budget, which also provides for a civilian expenditure of 1,365,000,000 francs (US\$3,900,000,000) and a total of 570,600,000,000 francs (US\$1,628,000,000) for financing reconstruction and re-equipment.

Agreement on the budget was difficult as the fresh military expenditure to cope with the re-armament programme demanded a general increase in taxes. The debate in the French Assembly on the various items of the Budgetary Bill will commence as from tomorrow.

BOY SAVES FATHER'S LIFE

Stops Well From Caving In

Pendleton, Oregon,

Dec. 10.

Eighteen-year-old Leon Ford didn't hesitate when he saw his father in danger. He leaped into a crumbling well, 18 feet deep, and tried to hold back the dirt tumbling on his imprisoned father.

Somewhat he did it, and for that reason, Norma Vina Ford, 51, is alive today.

"I am thankful more than I can say that the Lord gave me such a son as Leon," the father said today at the hospital where he is recovering from the 18 hours he spent trapped at the bottom of the well.

"It is lucky the boy is a pretty husky fellow, or neither he nor his dad would have survived," said a State policeman.

The dirt was up to the father's knees when Leon jumped into the well. The two had been digging in the back yard of their small farm west of here. Then another cave-in sent dirt cascading up to the father's neck.

7-HOUR ORDEAL

Leon dug frantically with his fingers, trying to keep his father's face clear. Then he saw a large section of the dirt wall slipping ominously. It would have buried the father alive—perhaps buried both of them.

Leon leaped, braced his back against a board and held the dirt back. For seven hours he stood there, holding back the dirt.

Meanwhile neighbours started rescue operations.

Finally workmen from a nearby construction project brought in a long iron pipe, two feet in diameter. They lowered this around the father, saving him from further caving in, and Leon's long ordeal was over.

Aided by mechanical equipment, the neighbours began digging around the pipe. Eighteen hours after he was imprisoned, the father was freed at 5:30 a.m. this morning.

Leon said he thought only of his father at the time.

"I was scared when I saw more dirt falling down on dad, a little bit at a time," he said. — Associated Press.

Big 4 Agree To Set Up A Disarmament Commission

MEMORANDUM APPROVED

Paris, Dec. 10.

The Big Four were reported tonight to have agreed to form a 12-member Disarmament Commission to start work next year on the conflicting Russian and Western proposals.

This was said to be the only real result of week-long secret talks which ended today. The talks developed from the Western arms plan which US Secretary of State Dean Acheson presented to the United Nations Assembly on November 19 with the expressed hope that it would prove a turning point in world history.

A responsible diplomat who commented on the work of the big four said the East and West were still as far apart as ever on Russian demands for immediate prohibition of the atomic bomb. The West refused to accept a ban on the bomb until adequate controls have been established to enforce it.

Luis Padilla Nervo of Mexico, President of the UN General Assembly, announced the end of the deliberations of the powers, sitting with him as a sub-committee of the Assembly's Political Committee. Others in the group were US Ambassador Philip C. Jessup, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vyshinsky, British Minister of State Selwyn Lloyd, and French delegate Jules Moch.

There still exists so wide a divergence of the points of view.

Other developments today were:

1. Communist East Germany's representatives informed the Assembly's Special Political Committee that they are not ready to speak and the committee adjourned yesterday Tuesday. They're expected to reject a proposal by the United States, Britain and France for a neutral inquiry into whether conditions are ripe for a unified free German election.

2. US delegate John M. Vorys, Republican Representative from Columbus, Ohio, called on the UN to cut the United States assessment from 36.90 per cent of the total UN budget to 33.33 per cent. He ran into strong Russian opposition.

The Russians said the American proportion should be increased instead of being cut. Padilla Nervo said he was happy to announce the delegates had approved unanimously a memorandum he had submitted at their request.

The Admiralty, making public a few facts about the new carrier, said the Eagle's hull and wartime fittings have been specially built to minimise effects of atomic blast and radiation.

The big carrier—fourth largest in the world—also can strike back. The Eagle's normal "pay-load" will be 100 jet fighters but her flight deck is long enough to launch atomic attack bombers.

The new ship's keel was laid in 1942, but her commissioning was delayed while British engineers studied wartime damage reports and the lessons learned at the Bikini atomic tests. This new knowledge was built into the Eagle.

Only three carriers known to be afloat surpass the Eagle in size—America's 45,000-ton Coral Sea, Midway and Franklin D. Roosevelt. The 57,000-ton US aircraft carrier Forrestal, now under construction, will dwarf all four.

Padilla Nervo said that during the talks there had been a remarkable spirit of cordiality and goodwill notwithstanding that

3. Britain opposed in the Assembly's Trusteeship Committee an eight-country resolution calling for the Union of South Africa to put its Southwest Africa territory under the UN trusteeship system.

4. Mr. Eugene R. Black, President of the International Bank, reported to the Economic Committee that the bank lent \$300,000,000 to underdeveloped countries last year, compared with \$134,000,000 the previous year. He said the recommendation of a panel of UN experts that the bank lend at the rate of one billion dollars a year was "unrealistic." —Associated Press.

Munsan, Dec. 11.

The already deadlocked Korean armistice talks were further complicated today by a Communist charge that Red-held Kaesong was attacked by the Allies this morning.

The United Nations Command announced receipt of the complaint.

An Allied investigating team prepared to leave the Allied advance camp at Munsan shortly after the Red complaint was received.

A UN Command spokesman said the Communists had not made clear whether the alleged attack was by ground or air and had not given any details.

The complaint was made only a few hours before a UN Liaison Office was scheduled to go to the nearby Panmunjom to demand a yes-or-no reply from the Reds on immediate discussion of exchanging prisoners of war.

It was the first time the Communists had asked for an investigation of alleged violations since truce talks were resumed on Oct. 25 following a two-month breakdown over similar complaints.

In patching up resumption of the talks last October, both sides agreed on neutrality of the Red truce headquarters at Kaesong, the Allied advance camp at Munsan, the conference town of Panmunjom, and the road linking them.—Associated Press.

Japan And HK Imports

Tokyo, Dec. 11.

Belief that the Japanese would in future watch closely all imports from Hongkong, where goods may be purchased both for dollars and sterling, was expressed by foreign trade sources here today.

They were commenting on Japan's renewed buying policy.

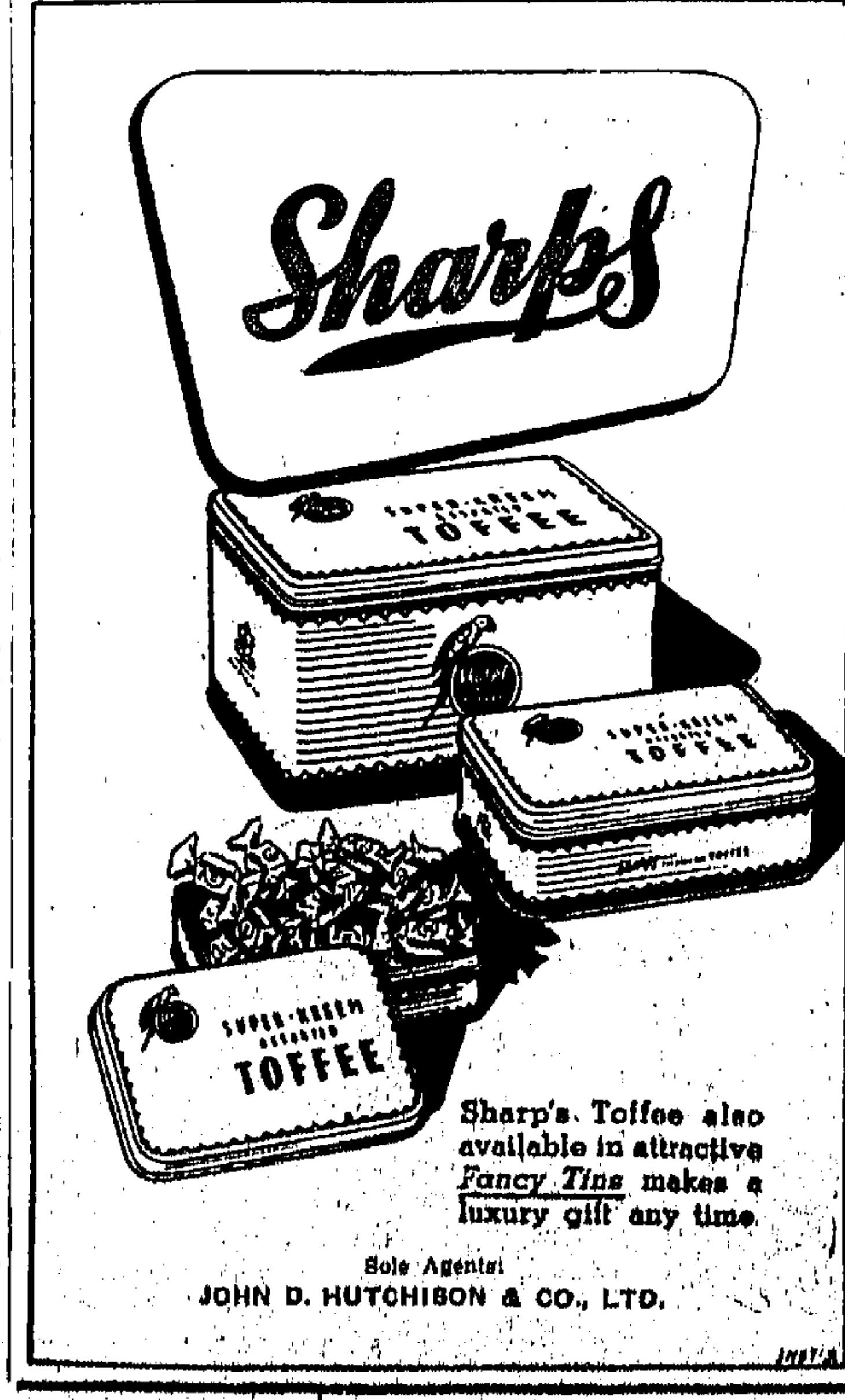
Only where it was absolutely essential would goods be purchased from Hongkong for dollars, the sources said.

Representatives of sterling area countries in Tokyo said today they expected large increases of sterling area exports to Japan in the coming months as a result of renewed Japanese buying policy.

It was expected that Japan would approach Pakistan for large cotton imports, at the same time avoiding as much as possible contracting for American cotton, which must be paid for with dollars.

The United Kingdom and her colonies would be approached mainly for rubber.

Such countries as Australia and New Zealand could not at present contribute greatly to renewed Japanese purchasing because of current stockpile shortage of wool and wheat, according to a Commonwealth trade source.—Reuter.



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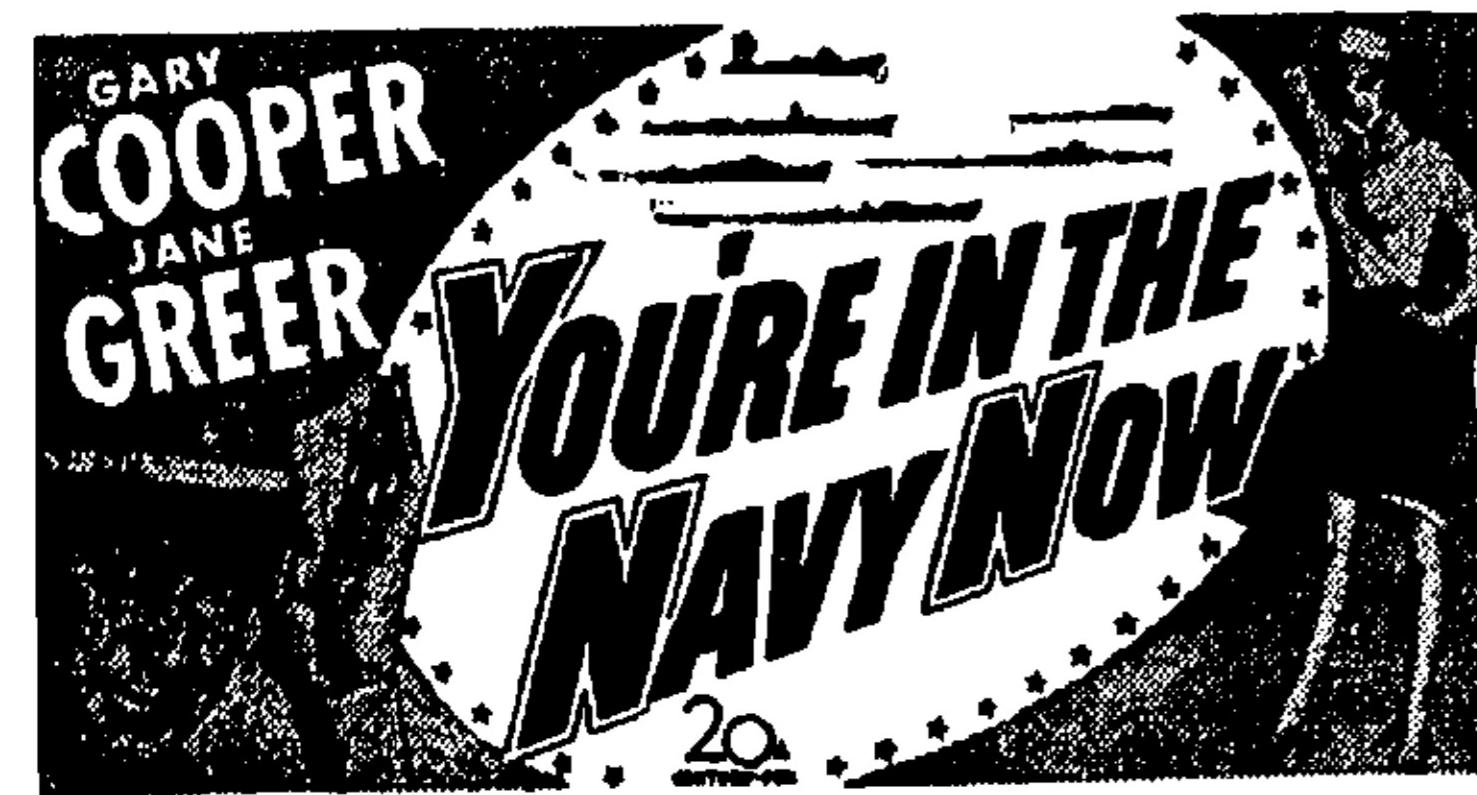
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Unique Murder Case Appeal Is Turned Down

Auckland, Dec. 10.
The Appeals Court today unanimously upheld the conviction of a man for the murder of his bride although her body was never found.

George Horry, 44, based his appeal on the grounds that there was insufficient evidence of death. He said his bride of a day left him in 1941 for another man and might be living in the United States.

"In this case there is neither body nor trace of a body, nor anything in the form of a confession, but in our opinion it does not exhaust the possibilities," said the Court. "There may be other facts so interlinking and so incapable of any reasonable explanation as to be incompatible with any other hypothesis than murder." —United Press.

TALLULAH'S EX-MAID ON TRIAL

New York, Dec. 10.
Two men were discharged as prospective jurors today in the quo warrantem trial of actress Tallulah Bankhead's former secretary and personal maid.

The men said they would be prejudiced if the defence brought out "certain names, foul language, profanity, perjury and criminality."

Mrs Eileen Ramsey Cronin, 59, went on trial on 32 counts of grand larceny and a forgery indictment.

She is charged with stealing \$4,284 from the actress by raising the amounts of cheques for Miss Bankhead's "incidental expenses." The actress was in court.

At Mrs Cronin's arraignment last January, the defence charged that the incidental expenses were used to "pay for cocaine, marijuana, champagne and sex."

Addressing the 12 prospective jurors, the defence counsel said: "Certain names, foul language, profanity, perversion and criminality may have to be brought out. This defendant will take the stand and tell you she saw it with her own eyes and heard it with her own ears." —United Press.

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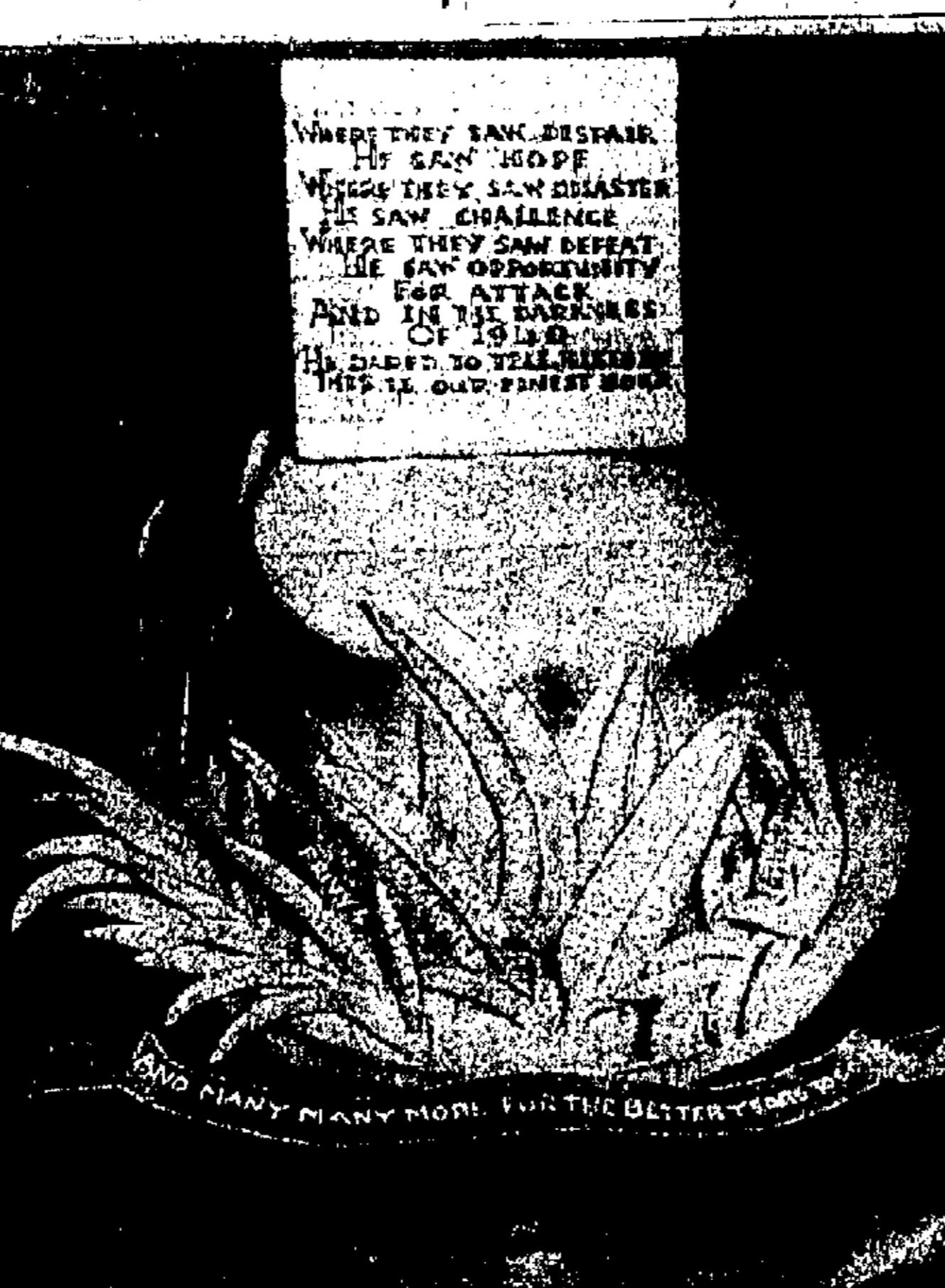
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FEATHERS IN HIS HAT



"Feathers in his hat" was the theme of Mr Churchill's 77th birthday cake. It was in the form of the Prime Minister's famous high-crowned bowler hat surrounded by about 200 feathers, each bearing one of Mr Churchill's distinctions and decorations. The cake weighed about half a hundredweight.—London Express.

Secret Talks At The White House

Washington, Dec. 10.
President Truman and his military and diplomatic advisers discussed the Korean truce talks and the rest of the world situation for an hour today, but no policy decisions were made.

President Truman met his advisers, after a holiday in Florida, to give his personal attention to foreign and domestic problems, particularly the tax scandals.

He postponed his plans for a conference with the Attorney-General, Mr J. Howard McGrath, and other Justice Department officials on a possible dramatic move to rid the Administration of corruption. The White House said Mr Truman would call Mr McGrath in soon.

Mr Truman said on Sunday night, on his return from Key West, that he might see Mr McGrath today.

The Democratic National Chairman, Mr Frank McKinney, told a press conference today he had asked President Truman to take whatever action necessary to restore public confidence in the Government. He planned to talk to Mr Truman about corruption charges soon and hoped they would be wiped out but did not become an issue in the 1952 presidential campaign.

"There should be a thorough investigation by an independent agency, answerable only to the President, to investigate and President, to find out what is true," he said.

After an introductory speech here by Court Marshal Eberle, Chairman of the Nobel Foundation, and the presentation of the prizes for Physics, Chemistry and Medicine were handed to the prize-winners in the usual colourful ceremony at the Concert Palace here this afternoon in the presence of the Swedish Royal Family, many officials, diplomats and several hundred spectators.

A few hours earlier the Nobel Peace Prize had been handed in Oslo to French trade unionist Leon Jouhaux.

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Mr McKinney was against removing Mr McGrath, one of whose assistants, Mr T. Lamar Caudle, had been dismissed by the President. It would be unfair to fire Mr McGrath in the grounds that one of his aides had been disloyal, he said.

Secretary surrounded Mr. Truman's hour-long talk with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Defense Secretary, Mr Robert Lovett, the three Service Secretaries, the Under-Secretary of State, Mr James Webb, and Mr H. Matthews, Deputy Under-Secretary of State. Officials entered and left the White House on the basement in order to avoid reporters.

The White House Press Secretary, Mr Joseph Short, said the world situation was discussed but no policy decisions were made. Korea was among the subjects discussed.—United Press.

New Delhi, Dec. 10.
About 300 Indian Jews who left India to settle in Israel will be allowed to return to this country if they wish to do so.

They are understood to have appealed to the Indian Government to be allowed to return saying that they found conditions unsuitable, including the climate.—Reuter.

Cairo, Dec. 10.
Persia today formally recognised King Farouk as "King of Egypt and the Sudan."

In a note to the Egyptian Foreign Ministry, the Persian note expressed the hope that "this recognition will strengthen the ties of friendship and co-operation between Egypt and Iran." —Reuter.

The Ministers should work to set up such an authority.

The report suggested a "College of Ministers for European Affairs." Who should meet regularly and frequently to formulate and interpret European conferences and to

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CLOSER TIES WITH U.S. URGED

Economist Suggests 'Courageous Course'

Canberra, Dec. 10. The Vice-Chancellor of the Australian National University, Sir Douglas Copland, in a statement today again urged closer dollar relations between the countries of the British Commonwealth and the United States.

Australia should approach Mr Winston Churchill, the British Prime Minister, and suggest to him to tell America that he was working in the closest association with all members of the Commonwealth towards financial accord with the United States, the most fruitful long-term avenue for profitable international investment and enable the Commonwealth to launch imaginative development, give real vigour to the Colombo Plan, impart basic strength to Sterling and promote union between East and West in a free political association with the Commonwealth.

Sir Douglas suggested this is a courageous course during a survey of the financial position of Australia.

Immediate measures to correct the adverse balance of trade, which he predicted would reach a deficit of £425,000,000 in this financial year, were credit restrictions, import restrictions, including British goods, water down the development plan, including immigration, and the expansion of exports for better prices.—UPI Tel. Press

Ruling On Court's Competency

Washington, Dec. 10. The United States Federal Court decided today it was competent in the matter of the legal proceedings started against two high-ranking Chinese Nationalist officers by the Chiang Kai-shek government for the embezzlement of large sums of money.

The two Chinese Nationalist officers are General P. T. Mow and Colonel V. S. Tsang, both Air Attachés of the Chinese Embassy in Washington.

The defence had previously maintained the competency of the Federal Court. According to the charges against them, the two Chinese Nationalist Air Force officers embezzled the major part of US\$49,000,000, which they had even to buy American planes for the Nationalist forces. The Taiwan Authorities requested them to return US\$7,000,000, the remainder of the initial sum. According to a statement made in Court, General Mow has US\$200,000 deposited in a Washington bank.—UPI Tel. Press.

King's First Appearance Since His Operation



The King, accompanied by the Queen, seen in public for the first time since his operation as he leaves Buckingham Palace by car for Royal Lodge, Windsor.—London Express.

King Abolishes State Council

London, Dec. 10. King George tonight abolished a Council of State set up to deal temporarily with the country's business during his recent illness.

The five members of the Council were Queen Elizabeth, Princess Elizabeth, Princess Margaret, the Duke of Gloucester and the Princess Royal.

The King appointed the Council on Sept. 27, four days after an operation on him for a lung ailment.

He signed a warrant tonight revoking the appointments.—Reuter.

NO PLACE FOR A WOMAN

Washington, Dec. 10. An American Antarctic explorer, Finn Ronne, who was born in Norway, said today he was planning another expedition to the South Pole region in the not too distant future.

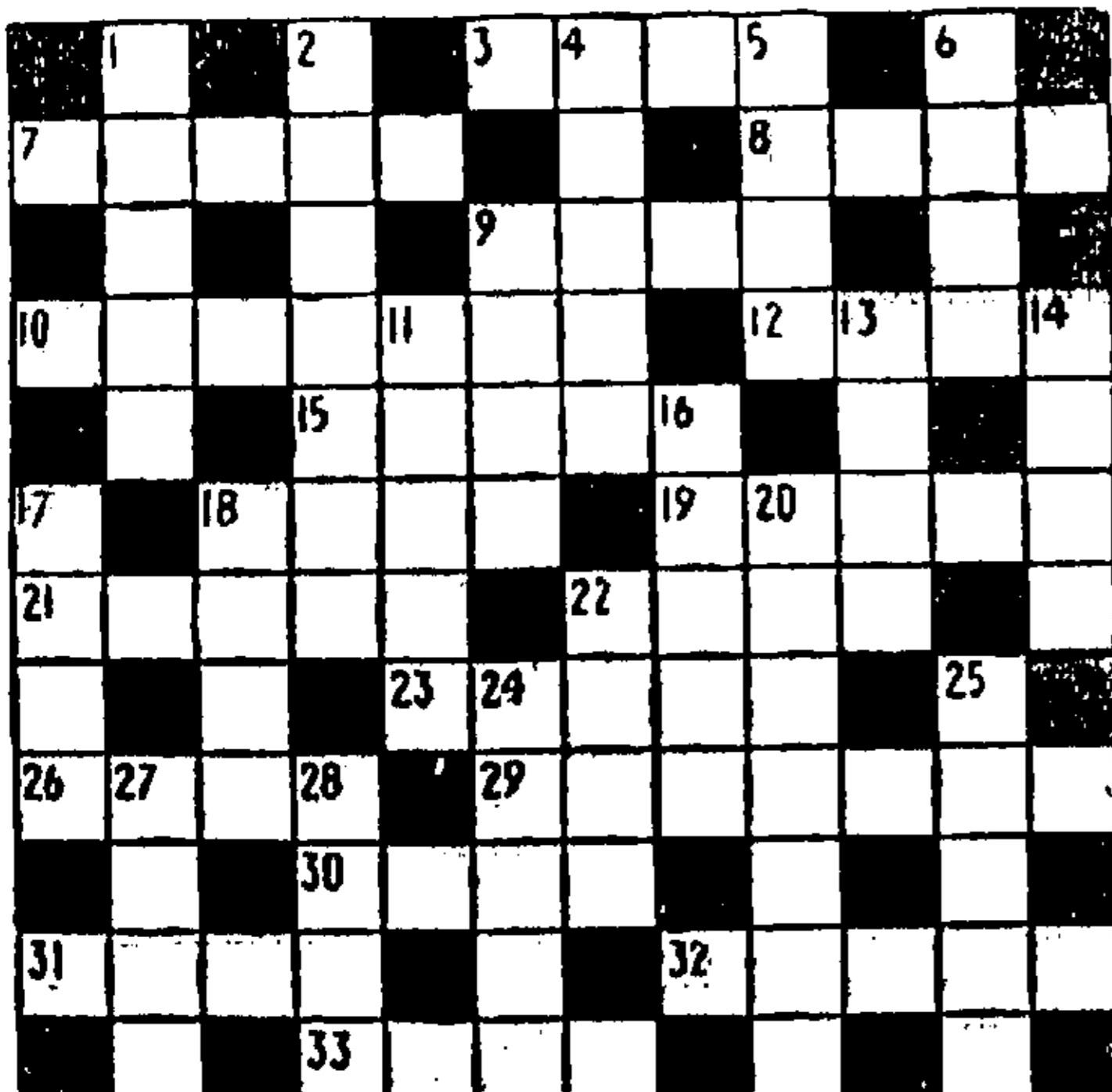
His wife would not accompany him this time as she did in 1947, he said.

"She won't do it again as it is a man's world," he said.

He was speaking at a Norwegian-American rally in New York honouring Amundsen, the Norwegian who reached the South Pole on December 14, 1911, 35 days ahead of Captain Scott.

Commander Ronne's father was in Amundsen's party.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Fat (4).
- 7 Woo (5).
- 8 Image (4).
- 9 Heart (4).
- 10 Bulldogger (7).
- 12 Melt (4).
- 15 Yarns (5).
- 18 Soil (4).
- 19 Leaflet (5).
- 21 Vestige (5).
- 22 Cut (4).
- 23 Harden (6).
- 26 Hastened (4).
- 29 Itchiness (7).
- 30 Harvest (4).
- 31 Jot (4).
- 32 Worth (5).
- 33 Legend (4).

DOWN

- 1 Droll (5).
- 2 Unreliable (7).
- 3 Worship (5).
- 4 Way of Feeding (4).
- 5 Seat (4).
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- 8 Assist (4).
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- 11 Engrave (4).
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- 14 Ooze (4).
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- 16 Allow (5).
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YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Puppet, 7 Asia, 9 Negro, 10 Space, 11 India, 13 Assemblage, 15 Coward, 16 Pipe, 17 Inflatable, 22 Whee, 24 Auto, 25 Again, 26 Plea, 27 Titter, 28 Down, 2 Upset, 3 Poem, 4 Tattle, 6 Marigold, 8 Lion, 9 Ripe, 12 Sedge, 13 Arrow, 14 Tropical, 17 Piece, 18 Diver, 20 Map, 21 Adage, 22 Hall.

GRIM PICTURE PAINTED OF EUROPEAN REARMAMENT

Paris, Dec. 10.

Western Europe is not going to reach its rearmament targets next year—or even in the years immediately thereafter, writes United Press correspondent R. H. Shackford.

Moreover, many of the countries on whom the defence of Western Europe depends will have a difficult time merely staying afloat financially.

As a result the overall Atlantic pact plans for the strategic defence of Europe are in jeopardy. It is not a question of whether it is possible to rearm more quickly. It is possible. Britain, for instance, spent more than half her national income during World War II on fighting the war. But this year she will not spend even the promised 12 per cent on peacetime rearmament.

Little off more than they can now in the time allotted—three years.—United Press.

NATO MEETING

London, Dec. 10. The North Atlantic Treaty Council of Deputies is meeting today to discuss proposals to streamline the organisation.

Mr Charles Spofford, United States Chairman, who last week appointed two advisers for defence and financial problems, is expected to give his Government's views.

The Deputies are also considering an interim report of the progress of the Paris talks on a European army and another on the pact's internal structure concerning communications, airfields and supply depots.

The Deputies last met for the Ministerial Council of Treaty Powers in Rome two weeks ago.

A Pact spokesman today categorically denied a London Press report that the Spanish Government had been invited to send an observer to the next meeting of the Paris Council in Lisbon on February 2.

The spokesman said that no invitation had been sent nor was there any intention that Spain should send an observer to Lisbon.

After working through the night, Mr Averell Harriman, Co-ordinator of the Mutual Security Programme, completed by seven o'clock this morning the draft report by the North Atlantic Pact "Three Wise Men" on rearmament in the West.

The report, which has taken about two months to make up, is now in the hands of the 12 Governments of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Mr Harriman and the other two "Wise Men"—Britain's Sir Edwin Plowden and France's M. Jean Monnet—recently completed an appraisal of each country's military commitments in relation to the politico-economic capabilities.—Reuter.

FINANCIAL CRISIS

On top of that Britain again faces financial bankruptcy. The drain on her gold and dollar reserve is so severe that they will be wiped out completely next year unless there is a change. And Britain is the keystone to United States hopes for the defence of Europe.

In the matter of European union, even if governments agree—still doubtful—it is extremely doubtful that parliaments will approve. Ironically, France, whose Government is pushing for it, the hardest, is most doubtful of parliamentary approval. And Belgium and Holland—fearing that they will be only tails on the French-German dog—are holding out for British participation. But Britain will not join.

The Americans are asking Europeans to forget their national pride, give up their national sovereignty and live together without any kind of barriers, like the 48 States in the United States.

DAY FAR OFF

But realists who have watched and studied Europeans for decades and even those who have been major advocates of European federation or union fear the day for such a project is far, far away—despite the military, economic and financial crisis ahead.

What about more United States aid? It would not solve the immediate rearmament crisis which revolves around the inability, for many reasons, to produce weapons. Britain, for example, if all other problems are solved, just cannot get enough men to mine enough coal to keep warm, let alone increase arms production.

Mr W. Averell Harriman, the new director of the United States Mutual Security Agency, has been struggling with the problem of how to reconcile Atlantic Pact countries' limited economic capabilities with expanding military necessities. His report, due soon, is expected to show that the countries have

reached a standstill.

Mr Philip Murray, President,

said that the funds were being turned over to the anti-Com-

munist International Confederation of Free Trade Unions to

which both the CIO and the American Federation of Labour belong and which has a \$700,000 programme for building unions.

—Reuter.

New Series Of Atomic Bomb Tests

Washington, Dec. 10. The Chairman of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, Mr Gordon Dean, announced today that the United States would hold a new series of atomic tests next Spring.

He would not say whether the tests would be held in Nevada or Eniwetok Atoll, in the Pacific.

The recent series of atomic tests in Nevada had already had a substantial effect on the United States programme of weapons development, he said.

"We have learned a lot of things about the design of weapons which we have already incorporated," Mr Dean said.

He sidestepped a question on whether the United States had atomic artillery shells.

When a reporter pointed out that General J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff, had said that atomic artillery had been developed, Mr. Dean replied: "General Collins is well aware of the programme."

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INFORMED SOURCES

Iran was eager to conclude a deal with the Bank in the hope that 2,000,000 tons of oil now in storage could be sold for some \$60,000,000 urgently needed by the Government.

The United States Ambassador, Mr Loy Henderson, was said to be in favour of the World Bank plan.

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10-DAY ULTIMATUM

Mr Fatemi announced that former customers of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company would be given only 10 days to make up their minds on whether to continue buying Iranian oil or lose priorities and privileges.

Last week Iran gave customers a 30-day ultimatum, but the period was trimmed, according to informed quarters, because of Iran's desire to push the completion of an early deal with the Bank.

From London, meanwhile, it is reported that Britain recognises that the suggestions for the World Bank to take over the management of the Iranian oil industry may have possibilities.

Revealing this, a Foreign Office spokesman added that no proposals had been made.

Emphasising this point, he said that the whole question is in a state of exploration.

Only general discussion has taken place so far, the spokesman said, and the next stop probably would be up to Iran itself.—UPI Tel. Press.

Reuter.

SENATORS ELECTED

Tehran, Dec. 10.

The Persian Senate today elected three Senators to the Parliamentary Oil Commission to replace three who have resigned. The new members are Abdol-Hosseini Sepahbodi, Ali Nekavati and Mohammad Divandari.

Mr. Nekavati and Mr. Divandari are from the Eastern Department of the Oil Commission.

Mr. Divandari is a former

Minister of Finance.

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British Envoy To New State

London, Dec. 11.

Britain today appointed Sir Alec Kirkbride, Minister in Aman, Jordan, as her first Minister to Libya when that country becomes independent later this month.

Sir Alec is expected to be

present when the new State is proclaimed and will take up his post in Benghazi.

He will be succeeded in

Amman by Mr Geoffrey Furze.

Mr. Furze, who has been Head of the Eastern Department of the Foreign Office since 1949,

has been appointed to the

newly-created post of Minister of State.

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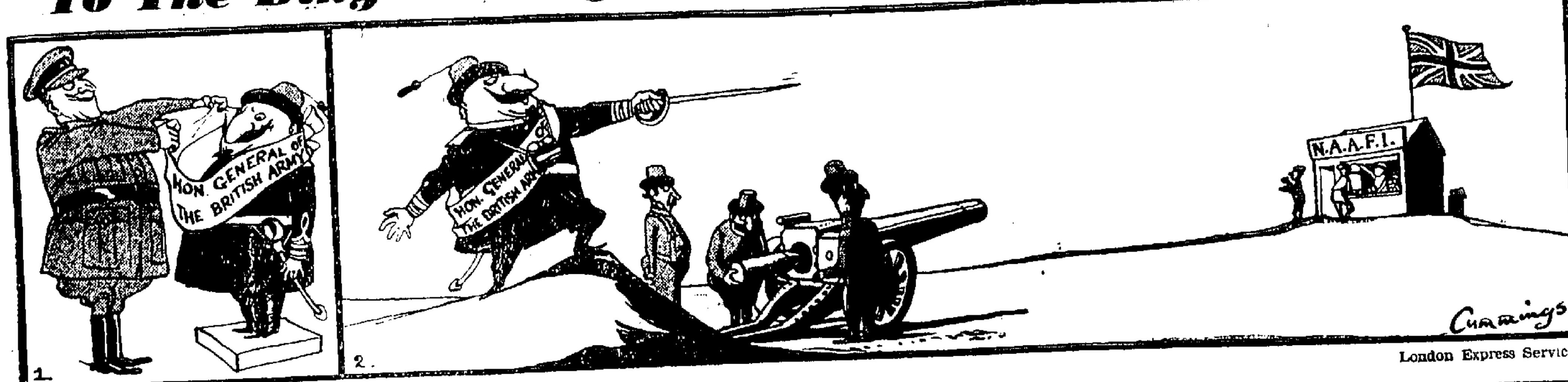
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To The Ding of Dong - ONE GOOD TURN DESERVES ANOTHER**THE BRITISH ARMY RAISES ITS BID**

By Lieut-Gen. SIR BRIAN HORROCKS

NEEDING to persuade one National Service man in every ten to become a Regular soldier, the Army has been taking a pretty good look at its own reflection.

Its problem is simple. Somehow, if it is to become thoroughly efficient, it must build itself into a force composed in equal parts.

There must be as many Regulars as National Service men—and, with industry competing so keenly for men, the Army has come to the conclusion that its Regular recruits are most likely to come from those young men serving their compulsory two-year term.

And so the military authorities have wisely put themselves in the place of these young National Service men and taken a look at the Army through their eyes. That way, they believe, they will see those things which encourage a man to become a Regular soldier and, just as important, those things which deter him from doing so. The result is a credit and debit account between the Army and civilian life.

State of mind

On the debit side there are two main items—loss of personal freedom, and lack of stability.

Any type of "service" implies the subordination of self to discipline, but if the wisdom of and necessity for discipline can be explained, men will develop a state of mind in which this will be accepted willingly.

Stability, however, can be improved. The soldier develops an affection for his own unit and hates being constantly moved round from one to another.

The cause is quite simple. While regiments may stay abroad for many years, it is the generally accepted rule that men do not spend more than three years at a time outside Europe.

Consequently, if a battalion moves east after being 2½ years in Cyprus, many men will remain behind and be sent to another unit in the Middle East, because it is not worth while dispatching them further afield when they will be due to return to a unit in Europe in six months' time.

Fresh draft

They are therefore replaced in the battalion by a fresh draft arriving from England.

The evils of the system are well known to the Army Council and a great improvement will take place when their new drafting plan is introduced in April.

In future, service conditions permitting, units of Infantry and RAC will go to stations outside Europe for three years only and will then return as complete units; so soldiers of these two arms will have a good chance of staying for long periods with their own regiments; and the same system will apply as far as possible with other arms.

Details of the new scheme, which will come out shortly, have not yet been disclosed, but in general, the Army will probably undertake to employ a man for a full 22 years provided he is fit and efficient throughout his service. If he wishes up to 55 years, but every few years he will be at liberty to leave the Army.

Age	Pay per Week
Sgt.	£5 15 6
S. Corp.	£5 13 0
Warrant Officer	
Class I	£7 3 6
Class II	£7 17 6
Class III	£8 11s 6d top (rising to £8 11s 6d top)

If marriage allowance is added to a corporal, he will receive £1 16s. 4d. a week. W.O. Class I, £11 11s. This may not seem much when compared to a civilian life, but in addition a soldier gets free food, lodgings, fuel and light, clothing, medical care, sick pay, and National Insurance, and a month's paid leave each year.

The next step when compounding the assets was for the Army Council to ensure that the man who wished to make the Army his career was given a contract as flexible and yet as secure as in the best type of civilian employment, with in addition good retirement benefits at the end.

Pay scales

The young National Serviceman need not commit himself for a long period until he has seen what life as a regular soldier is like. He can join up for three years with the Colours and four with the reserve. This is only one year longer than he would have had to serve in any case, but at once his basic rate of pay of £1. 8s. a week mounts to £2. 9s. which can be increased for efficiency (four stars) to £3. 10s. He also starts on the promotion ladder, or he may get training as a high class specialist.

This is most important—because the long service Regular W.O.s, N.C.O.s, and specialists provide the backbone of the Army. It has been estimated that in order to maintain the correct flow of these vital men, out of every hundred Regulars 50 should extend to complete 12 years' service, and approximately 40 of these should eventually re-enlist for 22 years or more.

It has always been possible for the Regular to continue serving until the age of 55, but once a man had committed

to the Army, he would be a "Mum" will take a lot of convincing.

NEWS OF THE LONDON STAGE: By RONALD ROPER**Noel Coward Restores The Quality Of Prewar First-Night Glamour**

London, Nov. 29. NOEL COWARD is again being showered with literary bouquets for a comedy of sophisticated wit, "Relative Values," Savoy

Theatre audiences, in a fragrant atmosphere of exotic perfume and cigar smoke, are revelling in this smooth study in social nuances.

The first night was a celebrities' "date" as well as a notable stage occasion. Princess Margaret and the Duchess of Kent, departing from a royal custom which tends to avoid first-nights, watched Gladys Cooper delight her many admirers with a brilliant top-of-the-form comeback. Somerset Maugham and Beatrice Lillie were also there for the latest Coward masterpiece.

For wit and thrust the performance easily out-Jeromes Jerome and, in the uproarious middle act, out-Shaw at his Pyramidalion. After that it is difficult to avoid bathos: the social-climbing interloper is merely led out of danger by another Hollywood type, admirably drawn by Hugh McDermott, who is strong and silent but not so dumb.

Noel Coward, who declined to make a curtain speech, joined Princess Margaret in the author's box at both intervals and, after his

Baddeley), who incidentally achieves a magnificent climax of Cockney invective.

"Relative Values" is also something of a mannequin parade for Gladys Cooper, whose guiding rule on and off the stage is: "Never overdress; choose clothes that flatter but do not date." For a morning scene she wears a shirt-waist dress in grey pique; in the afternoon a cape-a-la-lait, buttoned poplin frock with softly pleated skirt and draped artists bow at neck; for dinner she appears with regal dignity in a classic gown by John Tullis, a cousin of Capt. Molyneux.

BY way of contrast to the now Coward success, the West End has had the unusual spectacle of police called to a theatre—the Strand—where an American farce, "Mary Had a Little," met with a hostile reception almost from the first line. But the company managed to keep things going to the end, when there was renewed boozing as the audience broke up.

The opposition appears to have been marred. As Cecil Wilson comments, if we must have endless, worthless, tasteless and endless farces about maternity, we should be able to concoct our

Do you ever fly off the handle?

By LEONARD MOSLEY

THE man who flew through Tower Bridge with his son the other Sunday, the man who kicked Mr Aneurin Bevan in the pants on the steps of exclusive White's Club, and the man who climbed to the top of the Skyline at the South Bank Exhibition, had something in common.

I don't mean they were all reckless fools, who ought to have their ears bashed, which is what some people say they deserve.

No, I mean they were all victims of a newly-invented disease with some very old symptoms. The psychiatrists are calling it "revolt psychosis."

They say that, if modern life goes on the way it is at the moment (which seems dimly likely), more and more people will be doing rash and fantastic and forbidden things—out of sheer exuberance, and in rebellion against the rigid pressures of civilisation today.

A private soldier after 22 years' service would receive a weekly pension of £1. 6 4d plus a grant of £100; a W.O. Class II would get £2. 16s. 4d. a week, plus a grant of £300; this could be increased to £5. 9s. 7d. plus £560 if he stayed on for 35 years. To achieve this a civilian would have to save £4,000.

Separation must be expected by every soldier, but in future this will be reduced to a minimum. It is hoped that by 1954 houses will be available in the U.K. for all entitled soldiers

A man may expect to be joined by his family within three months of arriving in Germany and within six to eight months under normal conditions in the Middle East.

In future officers will interview each National Serviceman under their command and will explain what the Army has to offer. If necessary they will also visit the man's parents, and this may well prove the most difficult hurdle of all, because "Mum" will take a lot of convincing.

HOW does that strike you? If you haven't felt the impulse to fly off the handle, too, you must be a very adult, self-contained, and balanced character. A bit dull, I suspect, as well.

A bit dull

These compositions, and they were ecstatically received and put into the repertoire of orchestras on every continent.

It was only a few years ago that he allowed it to be known that the classical compositions were composed by himself.

"It was an uncontrollable impulse that made me start the great deception," he says. "Once begun, I couldn't stop. It made me feel so good to know how I was fooling everyone."

There's only a razor's edge, sometimes, dividing the spectacular gesture from stupid and reckless foolhardiness. Where do you draw the line?

On Boat-Race Night London policemen used to lose their helmets to the point of monotony, and Eros's status was festooned with beery students plucking at his bow. None of them went to goal for it.

But, a couple of Jonquilles ago, a plumber did. He climbed Eros and recited Keats to the crowd below. A magistrate gave him three months for his poetic enthusiasm, and it took five days of public indignation to get him out again.

Contrasts

A BOY in South Africa took up a plane while no one was looking, flew around for half an hour performing aerobatics, and then had to be "tutored" back to earth. He made it safely and was publicly hailed as a "fine lad with a lot of guts."

But a young man in America did the same thing, lost control of his plane, and crashed on a crowd, killing four people. What did they call him?

Since the impulse of uncontrollable impulse is likely to break out of us at any moment, let us hope that it doesn't cause too much havoc.

"I don't know why I did it—but I felt so much better afterwards," is the sort of thing you are likely to say after "buzzing" the Tower Bridge, kicking Aneurin Bevan, or climbing the Skyline.

Margaret Johnston, who plays opposite William Sylvester, enhances her reputation with a beautiful and moving performance.

**JACOBY
ON BRIDGE**

Partner Must Help If You Want to Win

By OSWALD JACOBY

ONE of the best bridge players in this country is a real wizard if he has an expert partner. Give him a poor partner and he is bound to get into serious trouble. He simply never realises that a bid or a play means one thing when it is made by a good player and may mean something quite different when it is made by a duffer.

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Then began with South should not have bid two diamonds. His hand simply wasn't good enough. If he did decide to bid two diamonds, he should have made the mental note that he had already overbid. It would probably begin with South should have passed three clubs. But South was worried because he had a singleton club. Actually South bid three no-trump. Not to show a good hand but to rescue North. It was a poor idea but weak players often have poor ideas.

When West doubled, it should have been obvious that South had crawled out on a limb. A sensible

• BY • THE • WAY •
by Beachcomber

EVIDENTLY intending to pay E a fulsome compliment to an expensive restaurant, an eager chronicler said that "the old saying comes literally true there; you could eat your meal off the floor."

It is a pretty idea but I'm sure the patrons would expect costly little troughs, and the question would arise — must there be a separate trough for each party, suffice? I can imagine the conversation: "Push up, Mrs. Glass. I can't get at the pens." "Steady, Raymond, that was my nose you hit." "Aha! 'Don't splash, Enwright!' A visitor who had not heard of this craze would probably think he had arrived at a centre of some new and curious custom as he watched the roomful of people abasing themselves before troughs filled with food.

Nothing to do with me

LIKE fire in stubble like a wisp in the bazaar of the insatiable Orient, like a tomato insect in the flesh-eating jungle of the dead heart of Africa like a typhoon in the shark-infested Taino Sea, a rumour that the plating had begun to peel from 132,000,000 dozen oyster forks spread across the United States from Key West to Cape Flattery, from San Diego to the

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

BORN today, your business sense proves to be outstanding. You have a conscientious and powerful personality that enables you to face up to each day's task resolutely and confidently. You know how to manage your money more successfully than you did last year. This is a matter of making what you put aside earn more for you. You should never lack for material goods.

You are inclined to be heedless of your health, but must learn to conserve your energies whenever possible. You have a warm, ardent nature and probably will be happiest in marriage with someone born under Aries or Leo. There will be mutual attraction between you and those born under Scorpio although there may need to be considerable adjustment in temperament in the latter instance.

To find where the stars have in store for you now, read your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birth-day star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) — Your health is in excellent condition. Good advice: It may be well worth while to follow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20) — Make final arrangements now or you will regret the delay.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — Be alert and stay on your toes. Don't let your time and energy for every minute be valuable.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) — Don't let a sharp tongue be the weapon of sarcasm. It is unworthy of you and can become a curse.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) — Take a break from routine and go to a concert, see a good show or visit an art gallery. Have fun.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 18) — It should be a day in which to enjoy yourself. Join friends for a social evening if you can.

GEMINI (May 19-June 17) — Spend a day improving your knowledge in one of the arts. Read a good book or attend a lecture.

CANCER (June 18-July 22) — If you are thoroughly co-operative, you can aid other philanthropic organisations can be helped.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23) — If your wardrobe needs replenishing, this is an excellent day for shopping.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) — A good time to take a break in your usual routine and get out somewhere and enjoy yourself.

WELL," said Willy Toad, when he met Knarf and Hanid, the two children with the turned-about names, "I'm looking all around but I haven't found anything yet. In fact, I don't think I will find anything. And here it is with the winter coming on and I still haven't got it."

Willy Toad suddenly ran out of breath and stopped to take another one. While he was doing this, Hanid, who hadn't understood anything of what Willy was trying to say except that he was looking around for something, asked them to explain exactly what he was looking around for.

At this, Willy looked surprised. "A place to spend the winter in, of course."

"Oh," said Hanid.

"You mean a house, Willy?" asked Knarf.

"My goodness, Willy," said Hanid. "What do you need mud in a bed for?"

"My dear," said Willy, "as I said before, you don't know anything about how to spend a restful winter. Nothing in the world is as soft and springy and warm and darkish as mud. If I can't have a bed of mud in my room, I don't want the room."

"Muddyish!" cried Willy joyfully.

Blinky nodded. "Quite," he said. "But if you'd like to move in from October until April, you're entirely welcome."

Willy didn't say another word. He just moved in.

And Knarf and Hanid walked off feeling quite relieved that Willy had managed to find just exactly the right kind of muddy place he needed for a good winter's rest.

"Why, no," said Willy, "except that I was thinking of staying in a dish."

"I was just thinking," said Blinky, "I've got a big house here. It's all under the ground. It's sort of darkish and dampish and warmish and cozyish and the walls and floor and ceiling are all made of earth so that it's sort of muddyish."

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"Fill it with mud," said Hanid, "and go to sleep in it. You're just the right size for a room."

"Really?" said Knarf, "you oughtn't to look for a house. Maybe you ought to be satisfied with a room."

"Hmmm," said Hanid, "that's an idea. But where do I find a nice room ought to be just one?"

"That's right," said Hanid. "A nice room ought to be just one!"

White, 12 pieces.

White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. B-Kt1, any; 2. Q, or R mates.

ANSWER TOMORROW

CHESS PROBLEM

By J. B. SANTIAGO

Black, 8 pieces.

Across

6. Did Julius Caesar land here just

to get a lead? (4)

5. Associated with pop? (5)

11. Bulbous flowering plant. (6)

12. Solvers use it. (4)

13. If you are 23 Across may have

18. This would bring with little

20. Eternal in reversible rug. (4)

21. Stop in "Town Tonight" (4).

22. Part of the church. (6)

23. The inner distinctive nature. (8)

Down

1. Turn Ned to his pomer. (9)

2. The want of the dene. (4)

3. Soldier. (7)

4. Miners conceal the layer. (6)

5. Falsify. (6)

6. Measure. (6)

7. Tempt. (4)

8. Part of a town. (6)

9. Shape of a vote. (6)

10. Taken only one doctor to make

all this noise. (6)

11. Colloquial half of strophe. (6)

12. Solution of yesterday's puzzle. — Across

13. Land. (1)

14. Fleet. (2)

15. Stars. (2)

16. Acute. (6)

17. Acute. (6)

18. Cost. (6)

19. Bed. (6)

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70. Town. (6)

71. Grotto. (6)

72. Colloquial half of strophe. (6)

73. Solution of yesterday's puzzle. — Across

74. Land. (1)



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do	do	25th Dec.
do	do	5th Jan.
do	do	11th Jan.
do	do	17th Jan.
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"BENVORLICH"	Japan	28th Jan.	

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U.S. Production
At High Level

New York, Dec. 10.

The storekeeper's cash register rang merrily in most sections of the nation last week and factory wheels hummed at a high rate.

Businessmen and industrialists were beginning to talk about the year ahead. And most of them saw good business for 1952—but with some reservations.

Government officials reported result soon in shortage of such goods as refrigerators and automobiles.

SEVERE STRAIN
There were hints of an easing of some materials controls. There were indications that productivity would be considered as a basis for wage stabilisation.

But there were soft spots too. A note of caution crept into hitherto enthusiastic predictions. For instance, the overall picture was one of better dollar sales at the retail stores than last year. But it was hard to convince the storekeeper in some of the slower communities.

Mobilisation Director Charles E. Wilson indicated the defense programme would keep rolling. He said the \$1,000,000,000-a-month expansion rate might

Irregular
Closing In
Grain Prices

Chicago, Dec. 10.

The late sell-off carried grain futures to a mixed and irregular close after increased exporter buying earlier carried many to seasonal highs. Wheat futures closed ½ lower to ½ higher and soybeans were 2½ higher to ¾ lower.

Prices of grain futures closed as follows:

Wheat—prices per bushel	Spot	December (1951)	January (1952)	February (1952)	March (1952)	April (1952)	May (1952)	June (1952)	July (1952)	Aug. (1952)	Sept. (1952)	Oct. (1952)	Nov. (1952)	Dec. (1952)
Spot	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000
December (1951)	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000	2,000-2,000
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New York spot—per bushel. — Associated Press.

Manganese Ore
For Japan

New Delhi, Dec. 10.
India exported 134,000 tons of manganese ore during the first five months of the current financial year, Commerce Ministry sources have said.

The highest quantity was sent to Japan, totalling 35,000 tons. Western Germany and Italy came next with 20,000 tons each. Other imports included the United States, 17,000 tons; France, 12,000 tons; and Canada, 8,000 tons.—Associated Press.

Criticism
Of Policy
On Steel

Cleveland, Dec. 9.
The magazine Steel reported today that Government steel distribution policies are meeting growing criticism.

With inflationary requirements of 10 per cent, steel producers and consumers are displaying more interest in the market.

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Soldier Accused Of Robbery

Trial Opens At Sessions

Kenneth Albert Leonard, aged 28, Private in the 1st Battalion Royal Wiltshire Regiment, stood trial before Mr Justice Scholes and a Jury of four men and three women at the Criminal Sessions this morning charged with robbery with violence.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det-Inspect. March, on behalf of the prosecution, while Leonard was defended by Mr V. L. J. D'Alton, instructed by Major A. N. Hicks, Director of the Army Legal Services. The accused had pleaded Not Guilty on arraignment.

The accused is alleged to have seized, with violence, a married woman, Chan Pu-chun, aged 27, of a handbag containing \$36.60, a lipstick, a mirror, identity card and personal papers in Tsimshatsui area on September 29 last.

Mr Blair-Kerr said that the accused was stationed at Siu Kung on September 29 the accused and two friends, Pte. Broomehead and Lance-Corporal Munger, came into Kowloon where they went to the European YMCA. They were attired in civilian clothes. They later went to the China Fleet Club and then to the Cheung Club where after a stay of over three hours, the trio made their way back to Kowloon about 10 p.m.

Broomehead and Munger stopped at the "Y" and the accused went off on his own in the direction of Nathan Road. That same evening, the woman Chan Pu-chun had been visiting her sister at 56 Cameron Road, and left about 11.30 p.m. She made her way towards Mody Road and was walking towards Nathan Road when the accused came up from behind and moved in front of her and laid hands upon her.

SPoke IN ENGLISH

The accused spoke in English and the woman waved her hand indicating she did not understand. He then tried to pull her onto the pavement into a side lane off Mody Avenue. She struggled and her dress was torn. She was struck two blows in the face and as a result of the struggle she fell to the ground. The accused then dragged her banding from her left arm.

Crown Counsel said that the accused ran away and the woman shouted "Save Life" and "Robbery".

At this point, a watchman, Yau Sik-kei, heard the cry and went to the scene. He chased the accused up Mody Road and on approaching the junction of Nathan Road, another watchman, Lau Chi, employed by Humphreys Flats, came on the scene. This man observed the accused to turn into a side lane and fling something into a backyard. He saw the accused running in the side lane still pursued by Poon.

Meanwhile, Broomehead and Munger who had been having tea at the "Y" proceeded along Nathan Road about 11.45 p.m. when they saw the accused surrounded by a crowd of Chinese. It appeared that he was going to be assaulted so Broomehead and Munger took the accused out and all three proceeded towards Yaumati with the crowd following. The trio turned into Humphreys Avenue, then Cameron Road into Nathan Road again to the entrance of Whitchfield Barracks.

BAG RECOVERED

Here the Military Police entered the picture, said Counsel, Lieut. Shervell, who was in patrol duty, arrested the three men and took them to Tsimshatsui Police Station. Very soon after the woman arrived in the charge room.

A Police Inspector was sent to a sideline of Mody Road where he recovered the handbag. It contained only \$9.80. Accused when searched had one dollar.

The woman was sent to Kowloon Hospital where she was treated for abrasions to the face, knees and elbows.

When charged, the accused pleaded not to make a statement or to sign anything, but nine days later in the Victoria Remand Prison he sought permission from the Superintendent to see the Inspector in charge of the case. This was granted. After being cautioned, the accused wrote out a statement.

The hearing is proceeding.

Keep Watch Over Armistice Site



Carrying rifles with needle-pointed bayonets, and clad in their padded winter uniform, two Chinese security guards with the North Korean forces gaze toward the cease-fire site at Pan Mun Jom, where talks between the Reds and UN representatives are still going on.—Reuterphoto.

China Mail Christmas Issue

The China Mail's Christmas issue will be published on Saturday next, December 15.

This year it will be a bigger publication than ever—24 pages crammed with special Yuletide features, as well as many of the features usually appearing in the Saturday China Mail.

Everybody in the home will find something of individual interest in the China Mail's Christmas issue which will be on the streets shortly after 10.30 this Saturday.

TRIED TO EVADE PAYING FARE

Two teachers, Cheung Sub-kwai, 29, and Leung Pun-ching, 30, were fined \$30 each by Mr. W. S. Winter at Kowloon yesterday for evading fares.

The first defendant showed an excuse—monthly ticket—for inspection while Leung had to stand at all when he was asked to produce one.

Expectorated On Star Ferry

For spitting on the Star Ferry five men were each fined \$25 by Mr R. W. S. Winter at Kowloon this morning.

The offenders were Fung Kiu, 32, salesman; Ip Ming, 45, a shop assistant; Chan Ming-sung, 47, merchant; Ng Ming, 33, coolie; and Wong Charn-yue, 29, a tailor.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"When I loosen the nuts, it won't cut, and if I tighten 'em, it's too hard to push—Dad was motor-minded!"

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ALLEGED MANSLAUGHTER: TRIAL CONTINUES

Sub-Inspector Shave Gives Testimony In His Own Defence

Evidence that he had no intention of firing at the deceased, or had any intention of harming or intimidating him in any way was given by Sub-Inspector Albert Edward Shave, 23, charged with the manslaughter of a 20-year-old employee of a construction company, when he testified on his own behalf before the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice Gould, in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

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JURY SYSTEM

Referring to the system of Jury balloting in Hongkong, Counsel said there was no provision here for keeping Juries locked in or together overnight and they could easily be got at. In the absence of such a provision, he thought that Judges should on every occasion strongly warn juries that they should not be influenced by anything they heard outside of the Courts or anything they might be told by anyone. As far as his recollection went in the case on appeal, the Trial Judge had only so warned the Jury once and did not repeat the warning thereafter throughout the rest of the trial.

It might not matter if the victim happened to be a coolie, said Mr Clifford, but where it concerned a prominent citizen and aroused a great deal of public interest, he thought that prejudice was very apt to creep in such a case.

The Full Court did not call upon Mr Morley-John to reply, and after a short deliberation, Mr Justice Scholes announced the Court's decision.

He said that the Court had listened to the arguments put forward by Mr Clifford, and had carefully considered the grounds he had raised. They were of the opinion that the summing up of the Trial Judge was very fair and that the principles of law were sufficiently put to the Jury, and there was evidence on which the Jury could have found as they did.

"In these circumstances we do not think we should interfere with the finding of the Jury and the appeal is therefore dismissed," Mr Justice Scholes concluded.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

If 10 miles per hour is the speed of the Captain in still water, we have:

$$14/(m+2) + 14/(m-2) = 20/m + 10/18$$

This resolves itself into the equation:

$$(m-8)/(m+8)(m-21) = 0$$

The only positive root is m=8

In still water, the speed of Captain is just 6 m.p.h.

London Express Service.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. Averell Harriman, 2. The area through which the Nile flows.
3. The obstruction of a blood vessel by some substance carried in the blood.
4. Moses Garrish Farmer, 5. The Forty members of the French Academy, 6. Feb. 2, in celebration of the Purification of the Virgin Mary and the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

He walked down the aisle between the tables at the far left and the circular table approximately in the centre of

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Referring to the system of Jury balloting in Hongkong, Counsel said there was no provision here for keeping Juries locked in or together overnight and they could easily be got at. In the absence of such a provision, he thought that Judges should on every occasion strongly warn juries that they should not be influenced by anything they heard outside of the Courts or anything they might be told by anyone. As far as his recollection went in the case on appeal, the Trial Judge had only so warned the Jury once and did not repeat the warning thereafter throughout the rest of the trial.

It might not matter if the victim happened to be a coolie, said Mr Clifford, but where it concerned a prominent citizen and aroused a great deal of public interest, he thought that prejudice was very apt to creep in such a case.

The Full Court did not call upon Mr Morley-John to reply, and after a short deliberation, Mr Justice Scholes announced the Court's decision.

He said that the Court had listened to the arguments put forward by Mr Clifford, and had carefully considered the grounds he had raised. They were of the opinion that the summing up of the Trial Judge was very fair and that the principles of law were sufficiently put to the Jury, and there was evidence on which the Jury could have found as they did.

"In these circumstances we do not think we should interfere with the finding of the Jury and the appeal is therefore dismissed," Mr Justice Scholes concluded.

Having received the instructions, accused said he left the Station with the intention of going to a squatter area in Tung Tau. He went along Prince Edward Road and as they were about to pass the Yat Ming Lau Teahouse he recalled that some months previously information had been received in that station of presence of armed men there, and as there appeared to be quite a number of people in the place at the time, he decided to stop and search the premises.

EARLIER SEARCHES

He had searched this particular tenement on many previous occasions, accused continued. On one occasion, in company with Inspector Watson, he carried out an armed raid and arrested a Chinese in possession of a loaded revolver.

Accused said he instructed the driver to turn the vehicle into Lung Kwong Road. He instructed the patrol to follow him. He walked around into Prince Edward Road and entered the teahouse by the main entrance.

He walked down the aisle between the tables at the far left and the circular table approximately in the centre of

the room. When I was carrying out this raid and at that particular point of time, what was your general mental condition. Were you cool, calm and collected or were you . . .

Living Language

Why we say Pullman express.

George Pullman was a poor New York boy born in 1831 who had the brilliant idea, new in those days, of making travel by night comfortable. He made enough money keeping shop to build the first "Pullman" car himself. "Pullmans" at once became popular and "pullman express" now describes a luxury train in which one can live in an hotel.

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Wednesday, December 12